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Augustus Bridle, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Bridle:

Please pardon my having overlooked your letter of September 20th with regard to the article that you published in "The Courier" arising out of the forthcoming Conference in Winnipeg. I really have been so busy for the last three weeks that I have not had time to deal with anything except the regular work of the University, and though I began the article some time ago I was called off and did not finish it until this morning, so it was not a matter of overlooking your letter.

I really am not in a position to give a definite opinion with regard to the substance of your article, because I only know from hearsay the conditions that prevail. I have, however, heard from Dr. Cody on several occasions that it is his object to release the regulations and to give very much more opportunity to the individual teacher. In the long run the moral education of the children in the school depends not on formal regulations but on the quality of the teacher and the opportunity that the teacher has of giving play to his ideals and high moral purposes. I suppose that in any large department of education it will always be a difficulty to know precisely where regulations should stop and where the teacher should be given full scope. The more opportunity given to the individuality of the teacher the greater good on the whole to the student. But after all the question is how are we to get a large number of our best people to spend their lives in teaching when they get such small remuneration for their efforts. I am astonished that the quality is so good. They are rendering a high service to the country on very small personal returns in the way of money.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.